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WASHINGTON

13 accused of election meddling

Mueller indicts Russians for allegedly plotting to disrupt U.S. presidential campaign in an effort to, in part, help Trump win

By Eric Tucker
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON » In an extraordinary indictment, the U.S. special counsel accused 13 Russians Friday of an elaborate plot to disrupt the 2016 presidential election, charging them with running

a huge but hidden social media trolling campaign aimed in part at helping Republican Donald Trump defeat Democrat Hillary Clinton. The federal indictment, brought by special counsel Robert Mueller, represents the most detailed allegations to date of il-

legal Russian meddling during the campaign that sent Trump to the White House. It also marks the first criminal charges against Russians believed to have secretly worked to influence the outcome. The Russian organization was funded by Yevgeny Prigozhin, **RUSSIA » PAGE 5**



President Donald Trump in Florida says the Russian indictments clear him and his campaign of collusion.
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FLORIDA MASSACRE

FBI had tips about gunman

Shooter was described as having a 'desire to kill'

By Kelli Kennedy, Curt Anderson and Tamara Lush
The Associated Press

PARKLAND, FLA. » The FBI received a tip last month that the suspect in the Florida school shooting had a "desire to kill" and access to guns and could be plotting an attack, but agents failed to investigate, the agency said Friday. Florida Gov. Rick Scott called for the FBI's director to resign because of the missteps. Attorney General Jeff Sessions said the shooting that killed 17 people Wednesday was a "tragic consequence" of the FBI's failure and ordered a review of the Justice Department's processes. He said it's now clear that the nation's premier law enforcement agency missed warning signs. **SHOOTING » PAGE 10**

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WHAT TO WATCH

KNBC-TV, Channel 4
Prime time coverage today features men's giant slalom, short track, men's ski jumping and women's skeleton. In giant slalom, American Ted Ligety will defend his 2014 gold medal. Katie Uhlaender is trying to overcome injury, illness and tragedy to get a place on the podium in women's skeleton but started slow in the event's first runs.

THE MEDAL LEADERS

				TOTAL
NORWAY	6	8	5	19
GERMANY	9	2	4	15
NETHER.	6	5	2	13
CANADA	4	5	4	13
AUSTRIA	3	2	4	9
USA	5	1	2	8

NBA
HOOPTOWN

All-Star Weekend: L.A. welcomes players, fans to the center of the basketball universe, to the city that produces more talent than any other and where the game is feverishly played on courts everywhere

Nick Ansom, founder of the Venice Basketball League, drives under the basket during a game on the courts Sunday at Venice Beach.
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By Ryan Kartje » rkartje@scng.com, @Ryan_Kartje on Twitter

LOS ANGELES » They congregate on sacred Compton blacktop, deep in the heart of South Central, and on sun-drenched, beachside courts, in the shadow of towering palms. They gather at Gladys Park, tucked between concrete walls off skid row and on mansions' hidden hardwood in the hills of Bel-Air. They are transients and locals, old and

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"Basketball is a lifestyle to us, man. It's everything."
— Baron Davis, a Compton native, former UCLA standout and two-time NBA All-Star

GRANADA HILLS

Ex-school principal accused of misconduct

Union leader says six women told him they were sexually harassed

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Several women have come forward alleging they were sexually harassed by the former principal at Robert Frost Middle School in Granada Hills, according to a union leader. Principal J. Francisco Ayala was reassigned by district officials on Jan. 31 for undisclosed reasons, prompting surprise and questions from some parents about why they weren't notified sooner about the move. It was not immediately clear if Ayala was working elsewhere, such as at another school or the district's headquarters, or if he had been reassigned to his home. A spokeswoman from the Los Angeles Unified District said she could not comment on the reassignment or the claim of such allegations, noting "all personnel matters are confidential." Ayala had been at Frost since 2010. Bruce Newborn, chairman of the United Teachers Los Angeles West Valley Area, said as many as six women began approaching him in recent months with sexual harassment allegations against Ayala. This was in the wake of the #MeToo and #Timesup movements, which Newborn said helped embolden them to come forward. He declined to comment on the scope of the allegations. Several of the women were former Frost employees, while at least one woman was an employee when Ayala had previously worked at Monroe High School in North Hills, Newborn said. Newborn approached the local superintendent, Joseph Nacorda, and LAUSD's interim superintendent, Vivian Ekchian, who **PRINCIPAL » PAGE 5**

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